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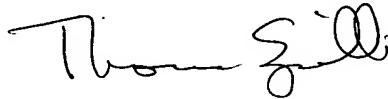

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3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 05-197768, dated August 6, 1993, together with English-language Abstract; and
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